

The EPA Report

Announcements from Region 9 Programs



July 30, 2008



National Non Point Source “Webinar” for Tribes

- **Date:** August 12, 10:00AM-12:30PM (PST)
- **Intended audience**
 - Tribes seeking Clean Water Act §319 - NPS funds
 - Staff new to the NPS program
- **Contacts:** Tiffany Eastman at eastman.tiffany@epa.gov
Audrey L. Johnson at 415-972-3431 or johnson.audreyl@epa.gov



EPA Clean Water Act Tribal Workshop Stormwater Controls for Tribal Construction Sites

- **Date:** Thursday August 14, 2008 (9:00 - 4:30)
- **Location:** Region 9 Office, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA
- **Intended Audience:**
 - Tribal staff involved with or are responsible for construction activities on Tribal lands (e.g., planning staff, environmental staff, public works staff, etc.). The workshop agenda is attached.
- **Registration Deadline:** August 8, 2008 using the following web link:
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/tribal-CWA-workshop/>
- **Contact:** Ann Murphy, CWA Compliance Officer at 415-972-3640 or murphy.ann@epa.gov



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Tribal Training

Nonpoint Source Pollution Management & the Watershed Approach

- **Date:** September 23 - 24
- **Location:** Harrah's Ak-Chin, Maricopa, AZ
- **Hosted by:** Region 9 and Ak-Chin Indian Community
- **Intended Audience:**
 - Tribes seeking eligibility and funding under Clean Water Act §319 (Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution Control Program)
 - those who want to address NPS issues within existing programs
- **Contacts:** Tiffany Eastman, eastman.tiffany@epa.gov and Audrey L. Johnson, 415-972-3431 or johnson.audreyl@epa.gov

Lead Standard

Comment period extended

- EPA proposed to strengthen the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for lead—May 1, 2008:
 - From 1.5 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$), to within the range of 0.10 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ to 0.30 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
- The proposed standard would improve health protection for at-risk groups, especially children
- **The comment period has been extended until August 4, 2008.**
- **Contact:** Ginger Vagenas, 415-972-3964
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Ozone Standard Implementation

- In March 2008 EPA proposed a more stringent Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)
- Under this new standard, additional R9 tribes will be in non-attainment
- Because of litigation, the designations process may be delayed.
- Region 9 will work with tribes during the designations process.
- **Contact:** Colleen McKaughan, at 520-498-0118 or mckaughan.colleen@epa.gov



Particulate Matter Designations

- Three tribes in R9 submitted recommendations in December 2007 for 24-hour PM_{2.5} designations.
- R9 and HQ are communicating with the tribes on recommendations.
- EPA notified States and Tribes concerning any modifications to their recommendations on July 28, 2008 (deadline was August 20, 2008).
- EPA will issue final 24-hour PM_{2.5} designations by December 18, 2008.
- **Contact:** Colleen McKaughan, at 520-498-0118 or mckaughan.colleen@epa.gov



Tribal Permitting Fact Sheets

- Publication of the Tribal New Source Review Rule is expected in 2009.
- In the interim, Region 9 has drafted two fact sheets on permitting basics for tribes:
 - “General Air Compliance Overview” for facility operators
 - “Detailed Air Compliance Requirements” for environmental professionals
- There will be a session on the basics of air permitting during the EPA/Tribal Annual Conference in October
- **Contact:** Anita Lee, at 415-972-3958 or lee.anita@epa.gov



New Solid Waste Publications for Tribes

- Publications coming out soon include an abandoned vehicle abatement guide, a solid waste program costing tool, and customizable solid waste outreach brochures on household hazardous waste, recycling and illegal dumping.
- A new Tribal Solid Waste Journal "Methamphetamine: Threatening the Health and Environment of Tribal Communities" is now available on the web at:
<http://epa.gov/tribalmsw/resource.htm>



Upcoming Solid Waste Training

- **California Resource Recovery Association Conference**
San Francisco Airport Hyatt Regency in Burlingame, CA
August 3-6, 2008
<http://www.crra.com/2008conf/index.html>
- **Addressing and Managing Illegal Dumps**
St. Paul, MN
August 12-14, 2008
<http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/tsweap.asp>
- **Meeting Federal Requirements and Concepts for Green Casinos**
Rincon, CA
September 4, 2008
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/training.html>



More Upcoming Solid Waste Training

- **West Coast Green Conference**
San Jose Convention Center, CA
September 25-27, 2008
<http://www.westcoastgreen.com/>
- **Tribal Transfer Station Training**
Pala, CA
Tentatively scheduled for September 30-October 2, 2008
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/training.html>
- **Sustainable Tribal Solid Waste Management Training**
Phoenix, AZ
Date TBD
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/training.html>



A New Tool Developed for Local Governments Provides a Comprehensive List of Valuable Resources to Tribes

- EPA Region 9 Waste Management Division developed the document, "Programs, Tools & Resources to Assist Local Governments: Implementing Your Climate Action Plans"
- The headquarters approved tool "bundles" more than 100 existing EPA programs for potential Local Government partnership opportunities
- Under Region 9's 2008 Energy Strategy, local, state and tribal governments are identified as key partners in capacity building to ensure Greenhouse gas reductions
- The potential for measurable results is great as local governments have direct control over the top three areas responsible for greenhouse gas emissions: transportation, buildings, and solid waste generation
- **Contact:** Lynda Deschambault at 415-947-4183 or deschambault.lynda@epa.gov





Tribal Travel Fund

- **Purpose:** to pay for unexpected GAP-eligible travel
- **Who can use the fund:** tribal environmental program staff, tribal government members; tribal invitees
- **Trip Limit:** 8 per fiscal year per tribe
- **Process:**
 - 1) Email your form to Tribal_travel@epa.gov
 - 2) Mail original receipts w/ form to OVIWC
- **Contacts:** **Erica Yelensky** at 415-972-3021, yelensky.ERICA@epa.gov, or **Rosanna Marrujo** at 760-873-3300, travel@oviwc.com

October 2008 RTOC

- **Date:** October 20-21, 2008
- **Location:** San Francisco, California
- **For more information:**
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc/upcoming.html>
- **EPA Contact:** Tina Williams at 415-972-3784 or williams.tina@epa.gov



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16th Annual Region 9 Tribal EPA Conference

- **Date:** October 22-24, 2008
- **Location:** Holiday Inn Golden Gateway, San Francisco
- **Registration Info:** Online registration begins in August at, <http://www.plpt.nsn.us/conference/index.html>
- **Contacts:** Tim Grant at 415-972-3783 or grant.timothy@epa.gov and Lela Christensen (Pyramid Lake Conference Coordinator) at 775-574-1000 ext 245 or lgleyva@plpt.nsn.us

EPA Annual Accomplishments Report 2008

- **Deadline to submit photos:** August 8, 2008
- **Identify** the event, state, Tribe, names, and job titles, offices etc. including: who, what, how, where, why it's important and health/environmental benefit. Please include a contact name and phone number
- **Photo specifications**
 - The count of the *dots per inch* (dpi) needs to be at least **300 dpi** to guarantee high resolution desirable for printing purposes
- **Photo Format:**
 - Tribe name_activity name_FY08.jpg or tiff; and 2.2 mega pixel or above
- Send photos by email or on a CD or DVD to Erica Yelensky at: 415-972-3021 or yelensky.eric@epa.gov

17th Annual Tribal EPA Conference 2009

- **Date:** October 21-23, 2009
- **Co-Sponsor Tribe:** Tohono O'odham Nation
- **Location:** Desert Diamond Casino & Hotel within the San Xavier District of the Tohono O'odham Nation
- **EPA Contact:** Pamela Overman at 415-972-3781 or overman.pamela@epa.gov

EPA Region 9 Tribal Program Office Hiring New Staff

- Two positions for Environmental Protection Specialists will be filled
- Positions filled at the latest by the Annual Conference
- Contact: Jean Gamache at 415-972-3554 or gamache.jean@epa.gov

OSWER Program Tribal Support Grants

- Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response tribal support grant funding is for: training, technical assistance, research and studies that will support the participation of tribal co-regulators in the formulation of federal/tribal environmental policies in Indian country
- Estimated funding available is approx. \$1,750,000
- The closing date has been extended to August 26, 2008
- Announcement posted on Grants.gov and www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-ipco-08-06.pdf
- Hard copies of announcement are also available on the information table
- **Contact:** Angie Proboszcz at 415-972-3077 or proboszcz.angie@epa.gov

Opportunity to attend Brownfields outreach sessions in Arizona

- Competitive Grants to assess & clean up Brownfields sites, eligible applicants: tribes, local governments and non-profit organizations. Three types of grants available to Tribes: Assessment Grants, Clean-up Grants and Revolving Loan Funds
- **The grant application guidelines have changed this year** and we strongly recommend you attend one of the following outreach sessions
- All of the Workshops are **free** and in order to receive presentation materials you need to register by August 12
- Dates and Locations:
 - Monday, August 18th in **Tucson** from 1-3PM
 - Tuesday, August 19th in **Phoenix** at the ADEQ office from 9-11AM
 - Wednesday, August 20th in **Snowflake** at the Town Council Chambers from 9-11AM
 - Thursday, August 21st in **Kingman** at the County Admin. Building from 9-11AM
- **Contact and Registration:** Diane Strassmaier at 415-972-3247 or strassmaier.diane@epa.gov and Arcelious Stephens at 602-771-4401 or as1@azdeq.gov

For more information...

Visit the R9 EPA, RTOC website at:
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc.html>

Visit the Tribal Program Monthly Newsletter at:
http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/newslet.html

Email Maria Castain at castain.maria@epa.gov or see her today to be added to our mailing list

